

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

April 1: A salmonella outbreak has flared up in Frederick County. Health experts know contaminated sausage is the culprit.

April 4: Baltimore lit up in blue. Tonight new blue lights shine on downtown buildings all in an effort to fight back against the growing number of cases of Autism.

April 5: Radiation from the crippled Japanese Nuclear power plants has been found in Maryland. Tonight we travel to the area where it was detected to see if we should be concerned.

April 6: Eighteen Americans die every day because they don't have an organ donor. April is Organ Donation Month and in this WJZ Healthwatch how one gift can save dozens of lives.

April 7: Health concerns over an elephant with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus that has tuberculosis... there are questions about whether it can pass the disease on to humans.

April 10: No smoking allowed. The Baltimore Health Department has officially designated the Farmer's Market as a smoke-free zone.

April 13: Good news about the Chesapeake Bay... scientists have determined that game fish now contain less of the cancer causing chemical PCB. That means the state has raised the number of fish safe to eat.

April 14: They are a consequence of nearly every sport... concussions. In Healthwatch, a new Towson University study has found some athletes may be more likely to suffer one.

April 15: A tragic accident takes the hand of a Maryland high school student. But a Frederick County doctor has given the young man a new hand and a new outlook on life.

April 16: Honored for saving lives. A special night at the Shock Trauma Gala as more than 55 people received the Hero Awards.

April 21: This is the national day for parents to sit their children down and talk to them about drinking. Mothers Against Drunk Driving will help you figure out what to say.

April 23: A unique way to raise awareness for Autism. A Philadelphia firefighter arrived at the Inner Harbor today after rowing his boat from Washington DC to Baltimore.

April 27: In Healthwatch, the American Lung Association has released its list of the most polluted cities. The Baltimore Washington area ranks 14th... and where you live can have an impact on your lungs and health.

April 28: Millions of women are at risk for heart issues. There are many things that make women's heart health unique from men's. In today's Ask the Expert segment we talk to Union Memorial Hospital.

April 30: Dangerous drugs sitting around homes. People here in Maryland today got rid of unused prescriptions the right way. One local event took in thousands of pounds of pills.

May 4: Losing weight and curing disease all naturally. That's the promise of a new training method that's just come to Maryland. In Healthwatch, details about the Alive Program.

May 5: With the warmer weather comes more people exercising but with an aging population pain keeps many from doing what they love. In Healthwatch, how to keep older joints healthy.

May 6: Exciting news in medical research... a possible vaccine to prevent HIV and Aids. This promising development at the University of Maryland School of Medicine is a ray of hope in many lives.

May 8: Orioles fans showed their support for people fighting breast cancer. The Susan G Komen Foundation hung a billboard at today's game, giving people the opportunity to write messages to those affected by the disease.

May 9: After a horrible car accident, a woman from New Jersey was told her leg would have to be amputated. But as you are about to see in tonight's Healthwatch, stem cell therapy right here in Baltimore changed her fate.

5/10 A healthier Baltimore... that's the goal of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and other city leaders. The mayor unveiled a new program today called Healthy Baltimore 2015.

May 13: Many of year already know this when you step outside, but allergy season is here with a vengeance. Here are a few tips to help you deal with the high pollen count.

May 16: The army takes another look at possible groundwater contamination around Fort Detrick. Many residents suspect water from wells in the area have created a long standing health hazard.

May 18: Medical experts call Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords recovery miraculous. She's having surgery to repair her skull today. In Healthwatch, a local doctor looks at the medical procedure that marks a milestone in her recovery.

May 19: The tick tube. Tonight local health leaders are using a new weapon to help protect you from Lyme Disease.

May 23: When you think of leeches, most people think of the dark ages, when bloodletting supposedly cured all kinds of ailments. In Healthwatch, why these bloodsuckers are making a comeback as modern medical miracles.

May 24: Danger in the water. A new study uncovers some serious health risks for people who use the Patapsco River.

May 25: It appears the wave of bed bugs has hit Baltimore hard. A new survey shows this area has one of the worst problems in the country.

May 27: The EPA has dubbed today "Don't Fry Day." It wants to remind everyone about the dangers of too much sun. Tonight tips on protecting you and your family as the summer season kicks off this weekend.

May 29: There's a brand new interactive exhibit at the Maryland Science Center to help in the fight against diabetes, a disease affecting hundreds of millions of Americans.

May 31: More on the problems we're seeing from the heat and what's being done to help the most vulnerable.

June 1: Many doctors warn those high fat low carb diets may be dangerous... but a new study from Johns Hopkins says it could be the quickest way to shed pounds safely.

June 2: Goodbye food pyramid, hello food plate. The shape is different but the message remains the same... eat more fruits and vegetables and less meat.

June 4: Today motorcycle riders answered the call to raise money for breast cancer research and other causes. Former WJZ newsman Dick Gelfman gathered those participating in the Ride Across Maryland.

June 5: Celebrating stories of survival... today dozens of cancer survivors were honored with a special lunch at the Hippodrome.

June 6: Doctors may soon be able to get your medical records faster and wherever you are. More than a thousand Maryland doctors plan to use electronic medical records.

June 7: Today the Health Department announced two deaths have been attributed to the extreme heat within the last ten days.

June 8: Health concerns tonight for people who attended Catonsville High School's graduation ceremony. Someone there has been diagnosed with measles.

June 9: A major milestone for the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma... it's the first phase of a multi-million dollar addition being built to ease overcrowding and help save lives.

June 10: Dozens are sickened in a salmonella outbreak across the country, but some are here in Maryland.

June 14: As part of an effort to reduce childhood obesity and encourage children to develop healthy eating habits, the Maryland Department of Education is awarding nearly three million dollars in federal money to selected schools.

June 15: Baltimore city residents are living a little bit longer than they used to but they still have some of the lowest life expectancies in the country. Tonight we break down the surprising statistics.

June 22: The Health Department is expanding its swim warnings at Chesapeake Bay beaches.

June 23: NASA is about to make a major study of Maryland's air pollution. Low flying planes will be used to test the air quality over many of the state's highways.

June 24: In Healthwatch, mixing haircuts with blood pressure screenings is becoming a healthy combination... and it's helping to end racial divides.

June 27: Doctors say thousands of people living in Maryland are HIV Positive and they don't even know it. Today an urgent message for residents.

ON TIME

April 3: Kai Jackson talks with Loyola University Maryland professor and author Mark Osteen about his new book that chronicles his family's first-hand experiences in dealing with a son with severe autism. He discusses the stress on his marriage and the need to have an autism free zone for parents.

April 10: Kai Jackson talks with Suzie Connelly and Lora Clawson about ALS also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. They discuss the symptoms, treatment options and point out that there is no cure. The upcoming Fiesta 5K funds research projects coordinated by the Robert Packard Center at Hopkins.

April 24: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Patrick Byrne who founded the Face Forward Foundation. This foundation provides free medical assistance to children in developing nations who have cleft palate and need surgery to correct the congenital defect. His team uses the internet to provide follow up speech therapy to help children learn to speak after surgery.

April 24: The Red Devils has been providing services to improve the quality of life for breast cancer patients and their families for the last nine years. Elizabeth Barnett, a breast cancer survivor tells Kai Jackson how Jan Wilson's Red Devils came to her aid when she needed transportation to and from chemo appointments.

May 15: The power to end stroke is within our hands according to the American Heart Association working with the American Stroke Association. Dr. Vabren Watts, a cardiovascular research who serves as an ambassador for the program, tells Kai Jackson how exercise helps to control high blood pressure lowers cholesterol, lessens the risk for diabetes and coupled with dietary changes drastically reduces a person's chances of having a stroke. Death and disability as the result of a stroke is a top killer of African Americans. He explains how changing how soul food is prepared can help reduce the risk for stroke.

May 22: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Susan Love about the Army of Women campaign that seeks to recruit both healthy women and those diagnosed with breast cancer to participate in cancer studies and clinical trials. She discusses how the majority of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer do not carry the gene for the disease. More research needs to be done on healthy women to determine what causes breast cancer.

May 22: Dick Gelfman discusses why he started the Ride Across Maryland event to raise money for local breast cancer programs. This year his organization will make direct grants to other non profit groups who need funding for their breast cancer projects. In the past, the net proceeds from the Ride were donated directly to Komen Maryland who in turn, helped to fund smaller groups battling the disease.

May 22: Edwin Avent and Rhonda Boozer-Yearly tell Kai Jackson about the upcoming Heart and Soul Magazine Awards Weekend featuring celebrities and how one day is donated to a health and wellness conference sponsored by the University of Maryland Medical Center's Baltimore City Cancer Program.

May 29: Dr. Calvin Ball tells Kai Jackson about the 3rd annual Men's Health Fair in Howard County. He discusses the need to change men's attitudes about their health and how the women in their lives can assist in changing behaviors. He discusses the types of free screening and the need to get all ages and races of men at the event.

June 5: Kai Jackson talks with Jim Epperlein, a pancreatic cancer survivor; surgeon Dr. Michael Choti and oncologist Dr. Luis Diaz about this cancer that has no symptoms, no early detection options nor effective treatment alternatives. Jim Epperlein discusses his surgery that included the Whipple procedure – a procedure that is available for only one type of the disease if caught in the early stages. They discuss how 94% of patients die within five years of diagnosis with a staggering 75% succumbing to the disease within the first year. They stress the need for more funding as no advances in this disease have been made within the last 40 years and out of the National Cancer Institute's \$5 billion budget, less than 2% goes directly into pancreatic cancer research.

June 12: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Desai and George Kilbourne about kidney disease, how it's treated and the progression of the disease that requires dialysis or a kidney transplant. They discuss how hypertension and diabetes contribute to chronic kidney disease. Both representatives discuss how they will be participating in the second annual Rappel for Kidney Health off the 17th story Canton Crossing Tower and a means to raise funds for the free screening programs offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland.

June 12: Hundreds of women will be getting in the saddle to raise funds for breast cancer by participating in the Potomac Valley Dressage Association's Ride for Life, a two-day equestrian event designed for the entire family. Breast cancer survivors Lillie Shockney and Patricia Artimovich are joined by Jeannette Bair and tell Kai Jackson how their event benefits the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

June 12: Diabetes is being explained in a fun, interactive manner through a new exhibit at the Maryland Science Center. Van Reiner tells Kai Jackson about elements of the exhibit that feature a large cell, and vein that allows visitor to walk through part of the body's circulatory system. He discusses how their annual Solstice event funds the free programs for Maryland public school students who participate during the school year in the science center programs.

June 19: The Baltimore Women's Classic 5K is the second oldest women's 5K race in the country. Tom Amatucci tells Kai Jackson how this race and transformed over the years and now benefits gynecological cancer programs in the state.

June 26: National HIV testing day is an opportunity for everyone to get tested to find out their status. Dr. Marvin Doc Cheatham tells Kai Jackson why everyone needs to be tested as many are at risk for carrying the disease without displaying signs of infection. Discusses attempts to reach the African American urban population what has been hardest hit by this disease.

COMMUNITY

April 2: The Enoch Pratt Free Library is transforming into the Pratt Kingdom this month for the 9th annual Fairy Tale Festival.

April 3: One of the most historic sites in the Baltimore area now stands in ruin. But the spot where the British invaded in 1812 will soon be home to a half billion dollar town center.

April 12: One of the biggest fundraisers of the summer is right around the corner. It's Dick Gelfman's Ride Across Maryland. People around the state are getting ready to ride in the fight against breast cancer.

April 22: If you visited a small house on Wilkens Avenue today you had plenty of company. It's the home of legendary candy maker, Rhebs Candy... one of Baltimore's sweetest Easter traditions.

April 23: It's Prom season... but finding the right dress may be difficult these days because of the tough economy. Meet the owner of a Catonsville hair salon who's reaching out to young women in the area.

May 8: Ready to run in Maryland. The Kentucky Derby winner plans to race in the Preakness this month.

May 9: There are a lot of food critics around, but there's one in Baltimore who's getting a lot of attention... that's because he's just 10 years old.

May 12: A piece of Baltimore baseball history is stolen. The ring disappeared during a normal day at a well known Baltimore museum.

May 16: As Preakness week kicks off the mascot of the festivities, the Kegabus speaks with WJZ. This half man half horse is already helping tickets sales.

May 25: The look of Baltimore's Inner Harbor has transformed drastically over the years and some more big changes are on the horizon. Tonight a closer look at the new plan.

May 26: The Pride is back in Charm City. The Pride of Baltimore sailed into the Harbor yesterday... Tonight a look at its history and its future.

May 27: No where in the country is lacrosse bigger than in Baltimore. So, it's fitting the NCAA tournament is being played here, but lacrosse fans are coming from across the nation.

May 28: Now that Memorial Day weekend is here many people are hitting the road and heading to Ocean City. If you're planning a trip there, take a look at some of the new attractions worth checking out.

May 30: Lots of excitement at the Inner Harbor this morning as the Pride of Baltimore Two embarked on a five month long goodwill mission.

June 1: Troops from the Maryland National Guard will be some of the last to serve in Iraq... including one soldier who's best known for his take on local sports here.

June 3: From Waverly to Hamilton and under the JFX, the popularity of farmers markets in Baltimore continues to grow. The newest market will open tomorrow in one of the city's oldest and most historic neighborhoods.

June 3: Get your engines set for the Baltimore 500. It's not a car race, it's a race to adopt at least 500 cats this month from Maryland shelters.

June 5: Dreams come true today for thousands of little leaguers. They got to parade around Oriole Park before today's O's game for Little League Day at the stadium.

June 11: When disaster strikes, the American Red Cross is ready to help. The local chapter proved that today by showing off some of its tools in case of an emergency.

June 12: There is a whole lot of shell shaking going on along the bay these days. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is using volunteers to help restore the oyster population.

June 13: A moving memorial at the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center. Dozens of people attended a service for families who lost loved ones to tragedies.

June 17: Good and bad news on Maryland's unemployment rate tonight.

June 18: Turning a problem into opportunity. Baltimore city launches a new effort to fix up vacant homes.

June 18: Today was the first annual Negro League Baseball Funday where kids took part in three different baseball games.

June 19: Hundreds of people show up today to enjoy Baltimore Pride. The annual festival celebrates the area's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

June 20: Looking for something fun to do with the children now that school is out? You can take them to Fort McHenry tomorrow and it won't cost a thing.

June 23: Leaving the office to clean up the zoo. Dozens of local accountants put down the calculator and picked up a rake for Maryland animals.

June 24: It's a big splash in Baltimore tomorrow... when the city opens its public pools for the summer.

June 25: A controversial drug treatment program is gaining support in Baltimore. The plan puts a church and the state at odds.

ON TIME

April 3: The Maryland Disability Law Center fights for the rights of people with autism, cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Virginia Knowlton tells Kai Jackson how her non-profit organization is funded to protect the rights of the disabled and concentrate their efforts on housing, education and workplace issues.

April 10: Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been helping to get drunk drivers off of the roads for the past 31 years. Their executive director Caroline Cash tells Kai Jackson why they are targeting underage teens with their message especially during prom season. She discusses their efforts at getting Annapolis lawmakers to pass tougher drunk driving laws that would require first-time offenders to install alcohol-measuring devices in their cars.

April 17: Rev. Debra Hickman and Donald Brown talk with Kai Jackson about the Why Women Cry Conference and how this free event now features a section just for men. The purpose of the one-day event is to provide women and men with health care information so that they can have a healthier lifestyle by incorporating behavior changes from adding exercise to their lives to making healthier eating choices.

April 17: The Greater Baltimore Urban League is working to assist the disadvantaged with housing and employment opportunities. J. Howard Henderson tells Kai Jackson how the mission of the organization has not changed over the 81 year lifespan of the national organization. He discusses how the current mortgage foreclosure crisis has plagued the African American community.

May 8: Kai Jackson talks with Inez Franklin and Sofia Meskel about the International Travelers Bill of Rights designed to inform vacationers about hidden safety dangers at foreign resorts. Ms. Franklin discusses how her son drown in the ocean at Cancun when no lifeguards were present, and how others were killed by faulty pool drains and broken balcony restraints. They discuss the status of the bill designed draw attention to the problem of lax safety precautions at foreign destinations.

May 8: The state's MBE – Minority Business Enterprise – program is set to be renewed by the legislature and signed by the Governor for another five year term. Special Secretary Luwanda Jenkins tells Kai Jackson how the state's program to allocated 25% of all contracts to MBE's is the most progressive program in the nation. She discusses an upcoming workshop designed to help companies learn to do business with the state's procurement program.

May 15: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from Planned Parenthood of Maryland about House Resolution 3 that is billed "as the common sense ban on taxpayer funded abortion" which they say is misleading because the Hyde Amendment has banned federal dollars from being used for abortions for the last 30 years. They discuss how this amendment passed by the House of Representatives would bar all private insurance companies from providing for abortion coverage by denying tax credits. The bill also

redefines rape and incest and would require IRS agents to verify that an abortion performed as a result of a rape or incest qualified under the “forcible” definition.

June 19: The spring and summer months are the deadliest time of the year for young teen drivers. Starting with prom season and going through the summer, more teens are killed in car crashes than any other time of the year. Ragina Averella from AAA Mid Atlantic talks with Kai Jackson about teen driver distractions and how parents can influence their child’s skill as a driver.

June 26: Kai Jackson talks with Virginia Knowlton, executive director of the Maryland Disability Law Center and Laura Cain, a civil rights attorney about the two documentaries produced for the center, Behind Closed Doors and Healing Neen. Both documentaries look at how untreated childhood trauma is the common thread behind many women who have been incarcerated for crimes ranging from drug use to prostitution. They argue for trauma based counseling as opposed to physical restraints and isolation as a means of punishment.

ARTS & CULTURE

April 5: “By the Time I Get to Phoenix”... “Galveston”... “Up Up and Away”... “Macarthur Park”... those are just a few of the dozens of hit songs written by composer Jimmy Webb. In a few days this legendary songwriter is coming to Baltimore for a special appearance.

April 6: In just a little over 24 hours, Cirque du Soleil officially takes over Baltimore. Totem will mesmerize audiences under a huge tent known as the Grand Chapiteau... tonight we go behind the scenes to see what it takes to get ready for this very visual performance.

April 7: WJZ takes you behind the scenes at Cirque du Soleil’s Totem. Tonight a closer look at what goes into choreographing a perfect show.

April 8: Some are elaborate, some are unusual while others you’d barely know are there. We’re talking about women and their hats. A new musical at Morgan State University examines the phenomenon of the chapeau among black women in great detail.

April 9: He’s an American music icon and he’s right here in Baltimore. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons performed tonight at the Hippodrome Theater.

April 10: Lucky number 13. The Towson University Dance Team continues a remarkable run with its 13th straight national championship.

April 13: As the nation remembers the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Maryland’s dire position as a border state is coming into special focus. Events over the next four years will highlight a nation and a state divided.

April 17: Maryland is back in the TV business. HBO has decided to pick up “Veep,” the political satire filmed in Maryland starring Julia Louis Dreyfus.

April 18: It looks promising that Baltimore will be home to another HBO series. It’s called “Veep” and it’s expected to bring millions of dollars to the local economy.

April 20: Their work is cutting edge, creative and now the Baltimore artists producing it are getting recognition and cash. Meet the winners of the Baker Art Awards.

April 21: Time is running out to see the popular West Side Story playing at the Hippodrome. Tonight a look at how this cast has updated the 54-year-old show.

May 2: It’s one of Baltimore’s most popular fundraisers and this year it will take place in a unique setting. The BSO Decorator’s Show House is moving downtown with a waterfront view.

May 5: If you love movies this is your weekend in Baltimore. The 13th annual Maryland Film Festival kicks off tonight.

5/10 A popular Maryland vacation spot will soon be the location for a new reality show and you could be on it. PBS will be filming a new series "Getting Away Together" at Deep Creek Lake this summer.

May 14: Hundreds of local actors lined up today for a chance to hit it big. HBO has chosen Baltimore to shoot its latest movie based on the 2008 presidential campaign and the movie needs thousands of extras.

June 7: A critical piece of the plan to rebuild the Westside is put into place today. A theatre which staged its first play in a church is breaking ground on a new 17 million dollar home.

June 8: The wildly popular "Honfest" in Hampden continues to generate some controversy. Now the organizer says she's heard the uproar and is making changes for next year.

June 13: Tomorrow is Flag Day and if you plan to celebrate there's no better place than our own Fort McHenry.

June 16: The sound of the symphony is usually created by professionals but the BSO is allowing amateur musicians to take the lead.

June 17: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Fantasy Camp is starting to wind down for the week.

June 20: Music fans are remembering Clarence Clemons, the legendary saxophone player with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. The musician has ties to the Baltimore area.

June 21: The state is set for U-2 to rock Baltimore tomorrow night at M-and-T Bank Stadium.

June 22: M & T Bank Stadium will be rocking in just a few hours... legendary Irish rock band U-2 will perform before what's expected to be a record crowd.

June 30: When the 13th annual Little Italy Film Festival begins tomorrow night, it will be a bittersweet moment. The man who made it all possible will not be there. He was a Baltimore original who helped bring a community together.

ON TIME

April 3: National Park Service rangers Vince Vaise and Robert Steward tell Kai Jackson about the newly opened visitor center at Ft. McHenry. They describe the interactive exhibits that re-create the war that led to Francis Scott Key penning the National Anthem. Key's original Star Spangled Banner is now on display.

April 10: Actor Director Charles Weldon tells Kai Jackson about the late playwright August Wilson and his impact on theatre. He describes how the play he is directing at Prince George's Community College, *Two Trains Running*, is about the Black Power Movement.

April 24: Ray Banks and Sylvia Marin from the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum of Maryland tell Kai Jackson about their annual baseball fundraiser. They discuss the contributions of the players in the Negro Leagues to the sport of baseball.

May 1: Kai Jackson talks with Irene Lewis, the artistic director of CenterStage, about her 20 year tenure at the regional theatre, her accomplishments and challenges being a female in a male profession. She discusses her legacy in diversifying the audience and play offerings by African American playwrights including August Wilson, Lynn Nottage and Alice Childress. She discusses the future of the theater as she steps down and Kwame Quai Armah takes over in July.

May 15: Art with a Heart provides visual art programs to children and adults who are considered vulnerable – those who are homeless to those who are abused. Jaime Kauffman tells Kai Jackson how the art program helps instill confidence and offers hope. Artwork created by their clients is sold in their store and generates an income for both the client and the program. She discusses their upcoming HeArt of Baltimore event that raises the majority of operating funds for the small non profit organization.

June 26: Just to the north of Baltimore on less than a tank of gas is an opportunity for families to get away and experience life from a different perspective. Chris Barrett from the PA Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau tells Kai Jackson about the opportunities to visit an Amish Farm and Museum, see where the movie “Witness” was filmed and spend the night on a real working farm. He discusses the range of tourism attractions available for families who are planning their summer get-away.

EDUCATION

April 5: Fifty-three Baltimore college students are on their way to making the city a better place. They’re part of a mentoring program that’s about to take flight.

April 7: There is heated debate in the state capitol tonight over whether illegal immigrants should be granted in-state college tuition rates. The bill received preliminary approval just moments ago.

April 12: Baltimore Ravens Ray Rice paid a special visit to an East Baltimore middle school today sharing a message about healthy living. In Schoolwatch tonight he even wore a milk mustache to prove his point.

April 13: During this national volunteer week dozens of volunteers are helping renovate a west Baltimore school and they’re doing it in just one day.

April 14: Combine the NFL lockout with an American Government class and it equals a special teaching position for Ravens Cornerback Dominique Foxworth who became a teacher for a day at Northwestern High School.

April 17: They’re known for academics, but now the University of Maryland Baltimore County is making a name in the racing world. The school’s off-road race car will now compete on a world stage.

April 18: The Baltimore City school system’s teacher buyout plan is likely to move forward.

April 22: Should illegal immigrants living in Maryland be allowed in-state tuition breaks? The Maryland General Assembly says yes, approving it this month. But opposition is growing and a petition for a referendum is underway.

April 23: The University of Maryland School of Law gets a huge donation of 30 million dollars... the largest in its nearly 200 year history.

April 26: Marylanders can decide online if they want to put in-state tuition for undocumented students up for a vote next year.

May 1: A Frederick County teacher has just been named the national Teacher of the Year. In Schoolwatch, the teaching title is another feather in the state’s education cap.

May 2: A Frederick teacher is named the National Teacher of the Year. Tonight we talk with her students about what makes their teacher so special.

May 3: The country’s top teachers gathered at the White House today... one from each state. But the educator chosen as the best of the best is from Maryland and the President took time from the business of the country to offer congratulations.

May 4: Organizers of a drive to put immigrant tuition on next year's ballot say the internet may put them over the top. Marylanders are still divided over letting undocumented students pay cheaper, in-state tuition rates.

May 8: A new study shows Maryland students who study the arts do better in other academic subjects. In this Schoolwatch report, more on how creative expression may help the learning process.

May 9: A Mount Washington Elementary school teacher is named Baltimore City Schools' Teacher of the Year.

May 10: Baltimore City schools have a buyout offer that may be hard to refuse. It's a new early retirement plan for 500 school workers.

May 11: Schools have long used chocolate milk as a sweet treat during lunch but now some school districts nationwide are banning the drink. In Schoolwatch, schools say the switch reduces sugar, calories and possibly childhood obesity.

May 12: How do parents track everything their children are eating in school? Take a picture of it on a calorie camera. In Schoolwatch, several schools in Texas already have the federally funded cameras so could they make an appearance in Maryland?

May 13: Move over Cal Ripken, there's a new Iron Man to celebrate tonight and he works at Woodlawn High School. Congratulations to Joe Terry for 50 years of service without missing a single day of work.

May 16: He started kindergarten at the age of three and has been on the fast track ever since. Now a 15 year old from Montgomery County is a college graduate.

May 17: Undocumented students say thanks for the dream. Students who stand to gain from Maryland's soon to be enacted in-state tuition break are holding a thank you rally at City Hall tonight.

May 19: Playing to learn... nearly 5000 pre-K students were on field trips around the city today as part of a new early learning program.

May 19: An incredible honor for a student at Washington College on the Eastern Shore. The Baltimore County native will graduate this weekend with the largest prize awarded to a college senior in the country.

May 20: Many parents are fuming over zero tolerance punishment... and Maryland's state school board is about to take a closer look at policies some believe are outrageous.

May 23: Battling the school bullying problem. Maryland's first lady kicks off bullying awareness and prevention week. Tonight a look at what's being done to protect kids in class.

May 23: One of the memorable events leading up to the Naval Academy graduation is the annual Herndon Climb. First year students scramble to the top of a grease covered monument and replace a freshman's hat with a midshipman's hat on top.

May 24: Getting lessons in architecture... In this WJZ Schoolwatch, how city fifth graders are putting their passion for drawing toward a career possibility.

May 25: Hundreds of liberal arts students at Towson University earned diplomas today. To make the day even more special, the commencement address was delivered by CBS' news anchor Scott Pelley.

May 26: One Baltimore City school is showing how it is doing its part for the environment. The Hampstead Hill Academy recently expanded its organic garden.

May 27: It's been a grueling four years for a group of midshipmen in Annapolis and today they celebrate their graduation from the military academy.

May 31: Clashing over college costs. You could ultimately decide if illegal immigrants get to pay in-state tuition at Maryland schools. Opponents took the first step today to try to repeal the law.

June 1: No prom and no graduation ceremony... that's the punishment for several Anne Arundel County students allegedly caught drinking on Prom night. In Schoolwatch, parents and students say the punishment is too severe.

June 3: Students in an ambitious school program took a field trip today... all 4000 of them. It was the perfect setting after a year spent studying the great outdoors.

June 7: Launching careers... It's graduation day for ten Baltimore area adults from a new culinary program at the Maryland Food Bank.

June 10: Maryland has named an interim school superintendent. Bernard Sadusky will take over July First when Nancy Grasmick retires after two decades on the job.

June 13: Fixing the city's schools... that's one of the key issues in the race for mayor in Baltimore. Today one candidate unveiled a radical plan to reform the schools.

June 14: In tonight's School Watch report... a new beginning for a Baltimore City school. Benjamin Franklin High School in Brooklyn is evolving into a school that will prepare students for the 21st century.

June 15: A super computer that bested two of Jeopardy's smartest players comes to Baltimore. In School Watch, how some city students got a chance to beat Watson.

June 17: Be careful while driving, schools are out for the summer. Today was the last day of school for students in Baltimore city and county.

June 20: Baltimore city schools take center stage as the US Conference of Mayors comes to an end at the Convention Center. Tonight more on why Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake considers Baltimore an example for other cities to follow.

June 21: The Governor appoints a council to change the way teachers in Maryland are evaluated and the council says it's ready to put the new system to work. The State Board of Education will give the plan a test run in the fall.

June 22: It's a distinction no other state shares. Maryland is the first to require all high school graduates to be environmentally literate.

June 23: Baltimore City schools are rocked by yet another cheating scandal. Top school leaders say they found clear cut cheating at Fort Worthington and Abbottson Elementary.

June 24: It's almost graduation day for a group of students at the South Baltimore Learning Center. The school is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

June 29: The State Department of Education reveals the results of the year's statewide Maryland school Assessment test.

June 30: Tonight outraged parents are calling for a change after important test scores dropped across the board in Baltimore City schools.

ON TIME

May 1: Mark Feiring tells Kai Jackson about the Baltimore Reads Books for Kids Day and how donated books are given to children in low income families. He discusses how having a book in the home leads to greater literacy.

May 29: The GEMS empowerment program for both girls and boys at the Golden Ring Middle School was started to expand the educational and career opportunities of students in this middle class neighborhood of Baltimore County. Special after school programs address self esteem issues and provide mentoring to a vulnerable group of students who have limited opportunities to venture beyond their community. Antre Johnson and Aaliyah Hodge tell Kai Jackson about the girls program while Marvin Briscoe outlines how his program helps young males.

June 5: Dr. Carla Hayden joins Kai Jackson to discuss the importance of the Enoch Pratt Free Library's summer reading program as an effort to stop students from digressing in their learning. Studies reveal that students who aren't engaged in learning over the summer start out behind when school resumes in September. She discusses programs to keep all ages from toddlers to adults entertained through special educational activities over the summer.

June 19: The South Baltimore Learning Center offers adult literacy programs for hundreds who have dropped out of school and want to study and get their high school diploma. Sonia Socha, the director explains how the greater community suffers when a significant portion of the population doesn't have their high school diploma. Robert Ey, explains how he dropped out in the 8th grade, went back to get his diploma and is now enrolled in a HVAC program and is on track to graduate and get a job in the heating and cooling industry.

CONSUMER

April 1: Big changes could be coming to your favorite Baltimore restaurant. Chain restaurants could soon be forced to list calorie information right on the menu.

April 2: Avoiding DUI checkpoints... there's an app for that. The state wants to keep drivers from downloading those detours on their cell phones.

April 3: The Orioles host their home opener on a high note. They've won all three games so far this season and businesses around the ballpark also hope to hit a home run.

April 4: Baltimore budget 2012. Emergency services leaders meet with the mayor to hash out who's getting what next year. Some say they need more money and without it taxpayers will suffer.

April 5: We're getting a peek at the next generation of MTA bus technology. That's right... it talks.

April 6: Pension problems in Maryland tonight... major changes are headed for thousands of state workers and retirees.

April 7: Baltimore police say online job listings are turning into a chance for scam artists to strike. Detectives are investigating several different types of fraud cases and want you to know what to watch out for.

April 8: Tens of thousands of federal workers live right here in Maryland. Tonight the mayor gives a closer look at how a government shutdown will hit Maryland.

April 9: Lawmakers are burning the midnight oil fighting over the state's alcohol tax. A committee voted today to hike the tax to 9 percent on beer, wine and liquor.

April 10: A bill to allow you to buy your favorite vintage direct from the winery is awaiting the governor's signature.

April 11: A cruise ship upgrade today at the Port of Baltimore. A new state of the art passenger boarding bridge was unveiled, kicking off a five day cruise to Bermuda.

April 12: It's a gas drilling technique that has many environmentalists worried. Now a Maryland senator wants to know more about "fracking."

April 13: The price of gas, food and energy is going up and so is your water bill. The city's spending board voted to increase water and sewer rates by 9 percent.

April 14: The Baltimore police department is searching for 300 new officers to join the force. Commissioner Fred Bealefeld announced the Hometown Heroes Recruitment Project.

April 15: For most of us, energy costs show up at the pump and on BGE bills... but for farmers power can be a big money drain. Now sunshine is creating a business opportunity for some.

April 16: Despite a record loss last year, Constellation Energy's CEO got a raise.

April 18: As thousands of Marylanders are out of work, many of them hoped to find a job today at a city career fair where more than 70 companies were offering hundreds of positions.

April 19: Some mixed news today for Maryland's work force as we get a first look at unemployment numbers for March.

April 20: Big changes in store for the largest independently owned bank in Baltimore. An investment firm announces it's stepping in to help the struggling First Mariner Bank.

April 21: More Maryland business in Asia... that's the goal Governor Martin O'Malley has set for an official ten day trip to China, South Korea and Vietnam in June... and he's finding a partner in the mayor of Seoul, South Korea.

April 21: Some call it Maryland's Silicon Valley. A new cyber-technology park at the University of Maryland Baltimore County opened its doors today.

April 22: Maryland's attorney general joins a group trying to get a dangerous new alcohol drink called Blast off the shelves.

April 23: In honor of Earth Day, BGE is teaming up with Lowest and Mix 106.5 to promote energy efficient appliances. Today customers could sign up for the quick home energy check up program.

April 25: More than twenty-thousand Marylanders are living in nursing homes. One survey finds almost a quarter of them don't think they need to be there and they feel trapped. Now an agency is fighting against what it calls discrimination against people with disabilities.

April 26: Two million times a month people use the web to search through the incredible images at the Hubble Space Telescope. Now the programmers here in Baltimore have turned scientific beauty into a game for iphones.

April 27: Good news for BGE customers. You can expect lower bills starting this summer.

April 28: Constellation Energy Group has offered itself for sale to Chicago based Exelon for nearly 8-billion dollars in stock.

April 29: Scam alert... city police say thieves are targeting the elderly. The scam artists pose as BGE or Social Security workers.

May 1: Unrest in the Middle East, just one of the factors driving up gas prices. Most experts agree we're heading to an all-time high.

May 2: The problems in the middle east are contributing to sky high gas prices. Now several major food companies say they're hiking their prices to make up for the rising cost of gas.

May 3: A Maryland lawyer challenges his own speed camera ticket in court and wins. He says a typo in the law may lead to other cases being tossed out.

May 4: The rising cost of gas is now affecting how people spend their money and merchants are feeling the pinch.

May 5: No casino will be opening at Arundel Mills this year. The Cordish Company says instead it will have part of the facility up and running in June of 2012 and the delays could hurt the state.

May 7: Some good news for your wallet. BGE says electricity rates are falling this summer.

May 9: Fighting foreclosure. The state of Maryland is the first to use federal emergency mortgage assistance funds to help families stay in their homes.

May 10: Whether you're a commercial waterman or catch crabs off a dock, scientists at the Smithsonian want your help. Researchers know a foreign invader called the mitten crab is here and the worry is how fast they're reproducing.

May 11: Baltimore's famous Power Plant Live complex is getting a major facelift. The Cordish Company is re-launching the popular location.

May 12: Some tolls in Maryland may soon go up. The Maryland Transportation Authority wants to raise tolls for several bridges and tunnels.

May 13: Pain at the pump may be maxing out now, but there's no let up in monthly home energy bills. That's got a lot of us looking for a cheaper way to keep the lights on.

May 15: Scam alert... As the weather gets better Anne Arundel County police are seeing a spike in scam artists and they're targeting elderly homeowners.

May 17: General Motors is bringing hundreds of new jobs to Baltimore County where ground was broken today for the new electric motor plant in White Marsh.

May 18: Growing anger tonight about plans to drastically raise tolls at the Bay Bridge and other locations across the state.

May 19: A new law goes on the books that could cut into your entertainment dollars. Governor O'Malley signs an alcohol tax increase that applies to all adult beverages.

May 20: How would you like a tax break at the gas pump? It's an idea being kicked around in other states and Maryland's comptroller says it could work in Maryland.

May 21: The job market is tight, student loans are high and graduation day is near. That's the dilemma many college graduates face this year. But the class of 2011 may discover those hard to find jobs are right here in Maryland.

May 22: A strong warning for parents who may be using crib bumpers. A Maryland panel of pediatricians wants to strip them from shelves, making the state the first to ban the bumpers.

May 23: If you've filled your tank in recent days you've probably noticed something unusual. Gas prices in Maryland have been dropping and that's good news with the approach of the holiday weekend.

May 24: A new push is underway in Maryland to help the economy through more efficient cars. Environment Maryland is calling for the federal government to require cars and trucks to get at least 60 miles per gallon.

May 25: Drivers may not be getting what they pay for when they pull up to the pump. That's prompting surprise inspections across the state.

May 26: You'll soon have fewer options when it comes to getting your groceries. The owner of the Superfresh chain has announced plans to shut down 13 stores in Maryland.

May 29: A lot of you are in Ocean City this weekend, but you don't have to break the bank to have fun on the beach. There are big boardwalk bargain you can find this summer.

May 31: Thousands of Maryland homeowners risk losing their homes to foreclosure but now the state is ready to help rescue them.

June 2: Today the MTA approved a series of toll increases affecting all facilities except for the Intercounty Connector.

June 4: Traffic in downtown Baltimore is expected to get a lot worse in a couple days... it's all because of preparations for the Baltimore Grand Prix.

June 5: If you want to protest plans to raise Maryland tolls, you'll soon get your chance. The Maryland Transportation Authority will begin holding public hearings this week.

June 6: Paying the price to drive Maryland roads. The state is planning to raise tolls on some highways and bridges but people who depend on the Hatem Bridge are fighting to stop the toll hike.

June 9: Marylanders frustrated by the proposed toll hikes get their first chance to say so tonight.

June 10: Bath salts are fast becoming a household name, but should they be legal? Maryland is now looking into a state-wide ban.

June 13: Getting in touch with loved ones during an emergency is a priority, but it's not always easy for police to know how. Now a new database is being launched to help.

June 14: Tens of millions of dollars richer... Maryland's mission to Asia ends on a high note for the state, Maryland businesses and the University system.

June 15: BWI taxi drivers successfully fend off a state move to award the airport taxi contract to an operator in Virginia.

June 16: A destructive insect native to Asia has surfaced in Howard County... and millions of Maryland trees could be on the menu.

June 19: Lost revenue from online shopping. State leaders are looking into how much money Maryland loses to internet sales.

June 21: Everyone who lives in or visits Baltimore will be impacted in some way by new fees and cuts in a massive new city budget.

June 22: If you live in Annapolis, get ready for higher water and sewer bills this summer.

June 24: Dozens of cities made their best pitch to the Obama administration, but only Baltimore and six others were chosen for a clean-up of urban waterways.

June 29: Here in Maryland, 40 million dollars is up for grabs for homeowners who can't pay their mortgages. It's part of a federal program, but you're running out of time to sign up.

June 30: Housing help... if you're having trouble paying your mortgage you're not alone... and there's a program that can help you keep your house. Answers tonight in our Ask the Expert segment.

ON TIME

April 17: Kai Jackson talks with Chris Walls about BGE energy conservation programs that reduce energy consumption and save customers money. They discuss the smart savers program that features home energy audits to identify opportunities to reduce energy usage from switching to CFL light bulbs to preventing window, door and HVAC system drafts.

May 8: Fair Housing is still a problem fifty plus years after the passing of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Elijah Etheridge and Hector Carreras tell Kai Jackson how their organization, Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc. still investigates complains of housing discrimination and files lawsuits when discriminatory practices employed. There organization also counsels tenants during housing foreclosure proceedings involving their landlords.

May 29: Associated Black Charities representatives tell Kai Jackson about their programs that target economic empowerment to create a larger African American middle class population as well as new programs to tackle housing foreclosures. Diane Bell McKoy discusses how the recent economic downturn has disproportionately affected the African American community and how her organization is working to correct this setback. A portion of the funding for their programs comes from the upcoming Gala.